What is claimed is:

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- 1. A method for identifying spatio-spectral features of one or more objects comprising the steps of:
- 5 a. collecting one or more hyperspectral datacubes of a first set of one or more objects;
 - b. building a spectrometric model from said hyperspectral datacubes;
 - c. illuminating a second set of one or more objects with energy-weighted spectral bands that relate to the model in step (b) using a tunable light source;
 - d. measuring the energy resulting from the illumination in step (c); and
 - e. using the measurements in step (d) to identify spatio-spectral features of the illuminated object(s).
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said tunable light source comprises a spatial light modulator.
 - 3. A device for identifying spatio-spectral features of one or more objects, comprising:
 - a. means for collecting hyperspectral datacubes;
 - b. means for building spectrometric models;
 - c. tunable light source means;
 - d. means for illuminating one or more objects with energy-weighted spectral bands that relate to spectrometric models; and
- e. means for measuring the energy resulting from illumination by said means for illuminating.
 - 4. The device of claim 3, wherein said tunable light source comprises a spatial light modulator.